

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1795 – SB 2318

January 24, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a special joint committee of the General Assembly for workers' compensation issues composed eight members of the Senate, appointed by the Speaker of the Senate, and eight members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. Requires the new committee to monitor the implementation of the Workers' Compensation Reform Act of 2013 and subsequent reforms and to study other programs, initiatives, or topics related to the workers' compensation system. Requires the committee to prepare and submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly at least annually.

Requires the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD), the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI), and the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) to provide information and support to the committee. Authorizes expense reimbursement for members under specified circumstances. Requires committee members to elect officers for the committee. Requires the committee to review legislation referred by other standing committees of the General Assembly with regards to accidents in the workplace; adequacy of benefits; stability and adequacy of relevant insurance markets; the system of claim and dispute resolutions; and any other matter the committee deems relevant. Requires the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) to provide its annual report to the special joint committee created by this act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$5,500/Each One-Day Meeting

Assumptions:

- Travel and per diem expenses for sixteen legislative members of \$5,497.44 per meeting (\$204 per diem plus \$139.59 mileage for each member).
- Any cost for the committee to submit the required annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly is estimated to be not significant.
- Any cost for the DLWD, the DCI, the COT, or the BWC to provide information or support to the committee is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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